

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

United States Courts  
Southern District of Texas  
FILED

In re:

SURGALIGN HOLDINGS, INC., et al.

Chapter 11

OCT 04 2023

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

RYAN MESSNER,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

SURGALIGN HOLDINGS, INC.,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 23-90731

Adversary Proceeding

Case No. 23-03150

MOTION FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT FINAL JUDGEMENT

Plaintiff(s), RYAN MESSNER, pro se, moves the Court for entry of a default judgment as to defendant SURGALIGN HOLDINGS, INC., upon the complaint heretofore filed and served upon the defendant, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 55(b)(2), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and in support thereof shows the Court the following.

On August 11, 2023, RYAN MESSNER filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, a Complaint alleging failure to disclose information, and for misrepresenting pertinent information investors use to make decisions, in conjunction with §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, and actual fraud. A copy of said Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference.

On September 8, 2023, a copy of said Complaint and a Summons in a Civil Action were served by the United States Postal Service upon SURGALIGN HOLDINGS, INC., at 520 Lake Cook Road, Suite 315, Deerfield, Illinois 60015. A copy of the Process Receipt, USPS E-pad Proof of Delivery letter (Green Return Receipt lost by USPS), and Summons is attached hereto as Exhibit B and is incorporated herein by reference.

On September 8, 2023, a copy of said Complaint and a Summons in a Civil Action were served by the United States Postal Service upon WHITE & CASE LLP, at 111 South Wacker Drive,

Suite 5100, Chicago, Illinois 60606. A copy of the Process Receipt, USPS E-pad Proof of Delivery letter, Green Return Receipt, and Summons is attached hereto as Exhibit C and is incorporated herein by reference.

On September 8, 2023, original Certificate of Service forms for both SURGALIGN HOLDINGS, INC. and WHITE & CASE LLP., were mailed to Nathan Ochsner, Court Clerk, United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. A copy of the Process Receipt, Certificate of Service Forms, and USPS Proof of Delivery is attached hereto as Exhibit D and is incorporated herein by reference.

On October 3, 2023, after 21 calendar days had elapsed since the service of said Complaint and Summons upon defendant, and no Answer thereto having been served by defendant upon RYAN MESSNER, RYAN MESSNER is entitled to judgment by default against defendant, pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.Proc. 55.

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 55(b)(2), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court is empowered to enter a default judgment against the defendant for relief sought by plaintiff in its complaint, and written notice of this action has been given to defendant, and it's counsel.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that this Court enter a judgment of default against defendant.

AFFIDAVIT

I, RYAN MESSNER, do hereby certify that the statements and allegations set forth in the foregoing Motion and the accompanying Exhibits are true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Ryan Messner, Plaintiff, pro se  
ryanmessner@hotmail.com  
570 Camphor Way  
Lexington, KY 40509  
859.559.7985

**Exhibit A**  
**(Complaint)**

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Plaintiff(s),	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
SURGALIGN HOLDINGS, INC.,	)	
	)	
Defendant(s).	)	

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff(s), RYAN MESSNER, pro se, files this Complaint pursuant to damages resulting from failure to disclose information, and for misrepresenting pertinent information investors use to make decisions, in conjunction with §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud, and alleges the following in support of the requested relief:

**JURISDICTION**

1. This is an adversary proceeding in which the Plaintiff(s) is seeking Recovery of Money pursuant to FRBP 7001(1), and deny the discharge in bankruptcy of any debtor who has committed any acts of fraud, misrepresentation, deceit, or false pretenses under §523(a)(2).
2. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
3. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(1).
4. Plaintiff has standing to bring this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(2)(O).
5. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409(a) and Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

### BACKGROUND FACTS

6. Fraud by PREVIOUS management has already been established and settled with the SEC "In the Matter of Surgalign Holdings, Inc., et al. Admin. Proc. File No. 3-20945," in which said management shipped orders weeks or months before its customers had originally requested delivery, thereby pulling sales forward from future quarters, to address projected quarterly revenue shortfalls.

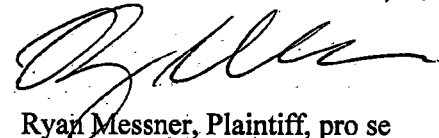
The fact remains that CURRENT management of SURGALIGN HOLDINGS, INC. did not disclose this pertinent financial information in a written press release, until AFTER the aforementioned SEC settlement was reached, and a press release was then issued in that regard on August 3, 2022. Why would the CURRENT management choose not to issue a press release in 2020 upon commencement of the merger with PREVIOUS management and their falsified pull-forward scheme, but did choose to issue a press release once they had settled with the SEC?

CURRENT management failed to disclose information, and misrepresented pertinent details investors use to make decisions, as with the complaint issued herein. Plaintiff would not have invested in SURGALIGN HOLDINGS, INC. if all pertinent financial information would have been disclosed by CURRENT management at the time of merger with PREVIOUS management.

Based on these facts, Plaintiff alleges Securities Fraud pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78(b) and False and Misleading Statements pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78ff.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, RYAN MESSNER, respectfully request(s) that the Court approve the Recovery of Money pursuant to FRBP 7001(1), and deny the discharge in bankruptcy of any debtor who has committed any acts of fraud, misrepresentation, deceit, or false pretenses under §523(a)(2), for such other and further relief the Court deems appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Ryan Messner, Plaintiff, pro se  
ryanmessner@hotmail.com  
570 Camphor Way  
Lexington, KY 40509  
859.559.7985

**Exhibit B**  
**(Process Receipt, Return, and Summons)**





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1088 NANDINO BLVD  
LEXINGTON, KY 40511-9998  
(800)275-8777

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Total			\$17.55

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Cash \$23.00

Credit Card Remit \$12.10

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Account #: XXXXXXXXXXXX5592

Approval #: 008730

Transaction #: 606

AID: A0000000031010

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PIN: Not Required

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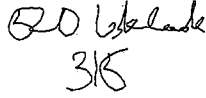
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Signature of Recipient:	
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In re:

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**. V.**

**Defendant(s).**

Nathan Ochsner  
Clerk of Court  
515 Rusk Avenue  
Houston, TX 77002

(Form 2500A) (12/15)

At the same time, you must also serve a copy of the motion or answer upon the plaintiff's attorney.

Name and Address of Plaintiff's Attorney (pro se):

(MAILING Address)

(PHYSICAL Address)

Ryan Messner  
620 Adcolor Drive  
Lexington, KY 40511

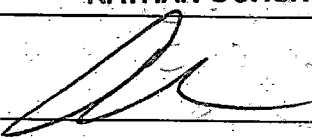
Ryan Messner  
570 Camphor Way  
Lexington, KY 40509

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NATHAN OCHSNER (Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court)

Date: SEP 01 2023

By:  (Deputy Clerk)



**Exhibit C**  
**(Process Receipt, Return, and Summons)**



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620 Adcolor Drive  
Lexington KY 40511*



**In re:**

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**Defendant(s).**

**YOU ARE SUMMONED** and required to file a motion or answer to the complaint which is attached to this summons with the clerk of the bankruptcy court within 21 days after the date of issuance of this summons, except that the United States and its offices and agencies shall file a motion or answer to the complaint within 35 days.

Address of the clerk (Overnight Delivery):

**Nathan Ochsner**  
Clerk of Court  
515 Rusk Avenue  
Houston, TX 77002



(Form 2500A) (12/15)

At the same time, you must also serve a copy of the motion or answer upon the plaintiff's attorney.

Name and Address of Plaintiff's Attorney (pro se):

(MAILING Address)

Ryan Messner  
620 Adcolor Drive  
Lexington, KY 40511

(PHYSICAL Address)

Ryan Messner  
570 Camphor Way  
Lexington, KY 40509

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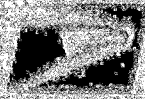
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By: 

(Deputy Clerk)



**Exhibit D**  
**(Service Completion Proof of Delivery to Court)**



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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, RYAN MESSNER, certify that service of this summons and a copy of the complaint was made August 30, 2023 by:

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Surgalign Holdings, Inc., Attn: Christopher Thunander,  
520 Lake Cook Rd, Suite 315, Deerfield, IL 60015

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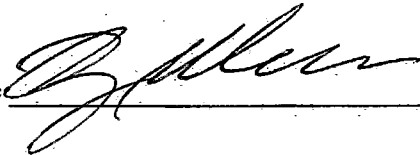
☐ State Law: The defendant was served pursuant to the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, as follows: [Describe briefly]

If service was made by personal service, by residence service, or pursuant to state law, I further certify that I am, and at all times during the service of process was, not less than 18 years of age and not a party to the matter concerning which service of process was made.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

August 30, 2023

Signature



Ryan Messner, Plaintiff, pro se  
[ryanmessner@hotmail.com](mailto:ryanmessner@hotmail.com)  
570 Camphor Way  
Lexington, KY 40509  
859.559.7985

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White & Case LLP, Attn: Gregory F. Pesce, 111 South Wacker Drive, Suite  
5100, Chicago, IL 60606

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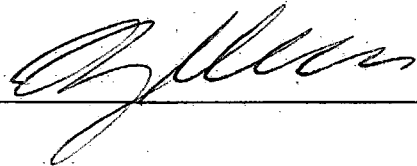
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